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TOPIC Soviet Troops and Material entrained in Altenburg

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1. Many Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed near the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) railroad station on 22 April 1950.

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2. Fifteen to twenty soldiers carrying full packs rode on truck [] toward the railroad station.

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3. Passenger car [] and truck [] were identified in the settlement on the eastern side of Leipzigerstrasse. The truck was being loaded with furniture.

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4. An unusual amount of activity was seen in the barracks on Leipzigerstrasse.

5. Truck [] was parked in the yard of the Alte Infanterie Kaserne.

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6. Fifty soldiers wearing crossed-gun-barrel insignia and carrying full packs, trucks [] and vans []

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[] (with barred windows) were in the yard of the Alte Artillerie Kaserne.

7. A train of the following composition was at the railroad station:

Two coaches

Nine boxcars, each occupied by 20 soldiers with full packs

Fifteen flatcars loaded with 25 trucks

One flatcar loaded with two steaming field kitchens

Four flatcars loaded with eight AF cars

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Three flatcars, each loaded with four boxes with the inscription "MOCHABA" (sic) in large letters and some inscriptions in small print.

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8. Two side-tracked boxcars were loaded with furniture hauled to the railroad station by truck [redacted] previously observed in the Soviet settlement.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment:

The troops were presumably entrained for troop training grounds. They were component units of the 38th AT Arty Brig (presumably the Altenburg 372d AT Arty Regt) and the 43rd Gds Gun Arty Brig [redacted]

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Component units of the two brigades held their 1949 field exercises in the Ohrdruf area.

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